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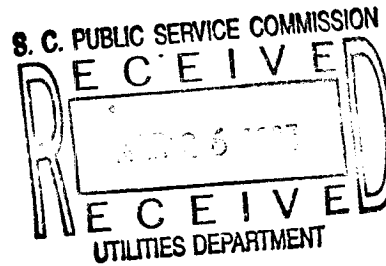
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The Honorable Gary E. Walsh  
Executive Director  
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Post Office Drawer 11649  
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Re: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund  
Docket No. 97-239-C

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth's Motion for an Extension of Time in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this Motion as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

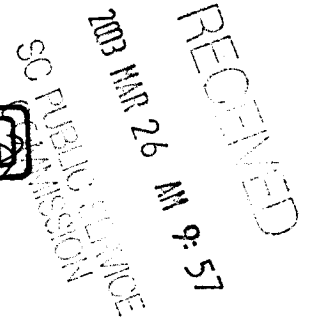
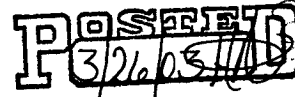
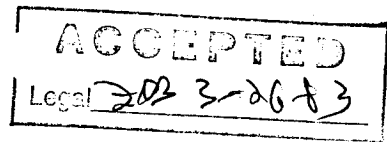
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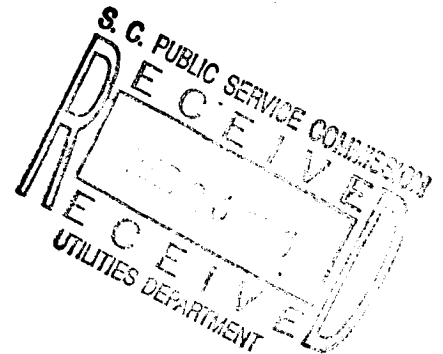


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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

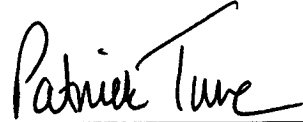
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") respectfully requests an extension of time in which to file tariffs associated with the Universal Service Fund. In Order No. 2001-996, the Commission adopted Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for the State Universal Service Fund ("Guidelines"). These Guidelines provide that an incumbent LEC receiving USF support may file tariff reductions to remove implicit subsidies and request additional USF support by April 1 of each year.

During its agenda conference yesterday, the Commission made its decision on filings that were submitted in this docket last year by various companies, and an Order memorializing that decision is forthcoming. BellSouth would like to review this Order prior to deciding whether and how to make any filings in this docket. Accordingly, BellSouth requests that the deadline for filings in this docket this year be extended until June 1, 2003. This additional sixty days should provide enough time for BellSouth to review the Commission's Order, as well as any Order on Reconsideration that may be necessary, before deciding whether and how to file tariffs in this docket.



This 26th day of March, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick W. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P".

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and that she has caused BellSouth's Motion for an Extension of Time in Docket No. 97-239-C to be served upon the following this March 26, 2003:

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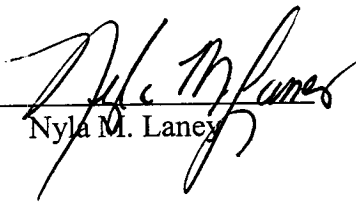
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